



XMM-Newton US Users Group

15 May 2008

	8:00	Arrival and Breakfast (sort of) and Meet and Greet	
01	8:30	Snowden	Welcome – Agenda
02	8:35	Mushotzky	Introduction and Quick Mission Status
03	8:50	Sanders	The View from NASA HQ
04	9:20	Snowden	Activities and Status of the GOF
05	9:35	Perry	Status and Future of SAS, TREND Data
06	9:50	Valencic	XMM-Newton Publication Tracking
			Status of the RGS
			Object-oriented data base
	10:10		Coffee Break
07	10:40	Shafer	Status of the OM
			SAS in HERA
08	11:00	Snowden	Status of EPIC and Background Modeling
09	11:20	Arida	Status of User Support and Archive
10	11:30	Mushotzky/Snowden	Budget Issues
	12:00	Lunch	Sandwiches Brought In
11	12:45	Cominsky	E/PO
12	13:15	Snowden	Budget Considerations
13	13:20	Sanders	Budget Review Instructions
	13:30	Griffiths	Discussion of GO Budgets
	15:30	Griffiths	USG Closed Session (with Coffee)
	16:30	Griffiths	Further Questions and Answers
	17:00		Close

2008 Senior Review

XMM –Newton remains an extremely valuable resource. The scientific output of U.S. observers is high for a relatively low investment of NASA funds. The SRC's recommendation for a reduction in funding of the US XMM Guest Observer Facility does not indicate a lack of support for XMM science. Rather it reflects the reality that a cut to a primarily US-funded mission would lead to serious, potentially irreversible damage to that mission, while a reduction in US XMM funding does not fundamentally impair XMM science, and this decision can be revisited in later years. US XMM science will be strongly impacted by a cut in GO funding, but this impact can be partly mitigated (by) a strong ADP budget, which would enable the best US science to be carried out.

The SRC recommends that this program continue at the proposed in-guide level in FY09 followed by a closeout in FY10